

## HE SLEW HIS FRIEND.

John Estis Kills O. L. Karnes near Paris, Tenn.

A Paris special of the 13th instant says: The arrival of two wagons from the mouth of Sandy neighborhood, 19 miles from this city, at midnight last night told of a dark, desperate and deadly conflict—a duel to the death.

In the first vehicle was John Estis, a beardless boy of nineteen, in charge of Constable J. W. Weldon, and two assistants. In the one immediately following were the remains of his victim, O. L. Karnes, twenty-five years old, and two silent watchers of the dead, who drove the wagon.

The first wended its way to the county jail and there left its charge. The other went to the Paducah, Tennessee and Alabama depot and remained there until the departure of the early morning train, when Karnes' remains were shipped to his family, near Birmingham, Ky., 12 miles from Benton, the nearest railroad station.

The facts as given by Constable Weldon, who arrived at the place of the murder soon after its occurrence, and who heard the evidence before the committing court, is, in substance as follows: Karnes and Estis both lived near Birmingham, Ky., on Tennessee River, and were at the mouth of Sandy, also on Tennessee River, getting out timber, Estis being an employee of Karnes. Both slept together and were the best of friends. Karnes was full of mischievous projects, and about a week before the killing, before they arose for breakfast, had been tickling Estis' foot and pulling the cover, which angered the latter so much that he jumped out of bed and started to hit Karnes with a chair, but concluded to wait until they had gone down the stairs of the house where they were boarding, Mr. Presson's, and then have it out.

Since that time they have been at outs with each other, and after breakfast yesterday, Karnes, the murdered man, asked Estis to come on and they would settle that matter. Estis said that he was not able to fight, but that he never struck a more willing man, and the two started towards the river and were followed by Mr. Presson, Mr. Clayton and Mr. Brookbanks, who were requested, however, by the belligerents to stop, as they wished to settle the matter between themselves.

The two then went behind a bluff on the river banks, and what was done there is not known, except the men above heard loud talking. The first that was seen by the men above was Karnes in a fast run with two bloody spots on his shirt, with Estis following close behind with an open knife. The former, seeing that Estis was about to overtake him, picked up a rail and started to hit his pursuer, but the latter ran up to him as he had the rail drawn back and stabbed Karnes twice.

By this time Mr. Presson ran up and called to Estis to stop. Karnes then turned to Mr. Presson and said: "He has stabbed me a dozen times with that knife," and falling into the arms of Mr. Brookbanks, who had just come up, expired.

Estis says that when they went under the bluff Karnes hit at him with a large stick, which was found near the spot where the difficulty first started, and that the blow broke the little blade of his knife and hit him above the right eye. The little blade of his knife was found under some bushes, where the supposition is that he broke it on the bush and the bruise above his eye and the one below it both look as though Karnes had struck him with his fist. Estis further stated

that Karnes knocked him down to his knees with the stick and while in that position he opened the large blade of his knife, the blade of which is about 3 inches long.

The place where the difficulty first began and where Karnes received his last two wounds are about 100 yards apart. Karnes was cut in four different places, one an inch below the left nipple, another directly under that one, just below the ribs, one that a hand could have been inserted in a little below the shoulder-blade to the rear. Either one of the three first would have been fatal.

The trial took place before Magistrate C. B. Wimberly, at 12 o'clock yesterday, and Estis was held under a \$5,000 bond, in default of which he is at present in jail. He slept soundly in the bottom of the wagon bed while being brought to town last night.

Karnes was of good family, said to be well off, and a single man. Estis is the son of a widow, well respected, but poor. Both men were stout, able-bodied men, and well liked where they were at work.

## Wild Man in Henry County.

The wild man, who has been terrorizing some sections of this county for the last week, says a Paris special of August 12, has again been heard from, this time in the sixth district in the West Sandy River bottom, 8 miles from this city. He was seen and talked to by some boys in that section late yesterday evening. He appears at times to be docile and afraid of strangers, and at others dangerous and threatening. He held up an old man by the name of Mossman at the Chalybeate, springs and gave him notice to leave, which he did without standing on the order of his going. Since then he has been seen to run from a child. He told the boys who saw him yesterday that he always avoided railway stations. When seen he is always in a bottom, and by this means keeps out of the way of Sheriff Blakemore and Marshal Nelson, who were after him yesterday. No further reports of robberies traceable to him have been reported, though he might have committed some depredations last night. He is evidently crazy, and if not captured it is feared he will hurt some one. He is very neatly dressed, about twenty-five years old and has blue eyes and light hair. Who he is, what manner of man he is, or where he came from, is a mystery.

## He is Only a Printer.

Exchange.] He is only a printer. Such was the sneering remark of a leader in a circle of aristocracy—the codfish quality. Who was the Earl of Stanhope? He was only a printer. What was Prince Edward William, and the Prince Napoleon? Proud to call themselves printers. The present Czar of Russia, Crown Prince of Prussia and the duke of Battenberg, are printers, and the Emperor of China works in his private printing office almost every day. William Caxton, the framer of English literature, was a practical printer. What was G. P. Morris, N. P. Willis, James Gale, Charles Richardson, James Harper, Horace Greely, Charles Dickens, James Buchanan, Simon Cameron, and Schuyler Colfax? Printers all and practical ones. Bret Twain, Amos J. Cummings, Mark Twain, Amos J. Cummings, Bret Harte and Opie Reed are plain, practical printers as were Artemas Ward, Petroleum V. Nasby, and Sut Lovingood.

The next important race problem will take place on the Presidential race track.—Washington Post.

A preacher with the big head is a man the devil loves to look at.—Ram's Horn.

## CONGRESSMAN STEWARD.

Some Peculiarities of the Member From Illinois.

(Detroit Free Press.)

The story which is told of Congressman-elect Steward, of Illinois, to the effect that every year he takes all the children of his village (Plano) to the circus which comes nearest that village is a true story, but there are others equally true which show the character of the man fully as well. In 1880 or 1882 the Greenbackers of Illinois nominated Steward for governor and the Democrats thought it would be a good idea to endorse the nomination. Accordingly the chairman of the State central committee took a run down to Plano to see the eccentric Lew. At the house the chairman was told that he would find Steward down in the grove. This grove, by the way, is embraced in a considerable estate owned by Steward, and is kept exclusively for picnic parties and camp-meetings, the owner making no charge for the use of the beautiful grounds. When the chairman reached a small stream that runs through the grove he saw Steward on the other side chopping down a dead tree. He called to Steward and told him who he was.

"Come over," said Steward. "How'll I get across," asked the chairman. "Can't you swim?" "No." "Well, I can; wait a minute." In about that time Steward stripped and plunged into the water with nothing but an old straw hat for clothing. And for an hour he, in that style of dress, sat on a log with the chairman of the State central committee and planned the campaign.

It is also related of him that after he was nominated for Congress the chairman of the Congressional district committee came to him to get some money for campaign purposes. "Not a dollar," said Steward. "I understand that if I take a seat in Congress I've got to swear that I have spent no money for my election, and I'm not going to Congress to swear to a lie."

The chairman explained that the money was wanted for legitimate election purposes, such as the printing of tickets, etc.

"Hang the tickets," said Steward. "If my neighbors don't want me to go to Congress bad enough to write my name on their tickets I don't want to go."

And nary red did this election cost him.

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